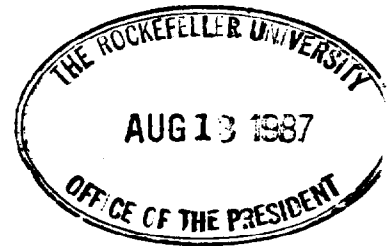


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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Josh:

Charles Scriver says he's nearing the end of a draft of his epilogue to Garrod's 1931 book "Inborn Factors in Disease," which means it will be going to the Oxford Press in another month or so. This prompted our thinking about the effort in toto, and it occurred to us that your interest in both premature and post-mature discoveries, as well as your very helpful interest in Garrod's acceptance specifically, could make it possible for you to entertain the idea of writing a foreword for the book. If the thought doesn't appeal, or if you haven't time, we would understand. If you do wish to consider it, we could furnish you the whole works which you could look over. Alternatively, since you've seen most of the prologue and since Garrod is an old interest of yours, you might wish simply to write something general about discoveries early and late. ✓

We both see the book as a contribution to the literature on premature ideas and how they come eventually to be integrated into prevailing thought. And we hope that readers will take pleasure in the freshness of Garrod's views of the relationships of human individuality to the environment and how their incongruence results in disease. So we hope that you'll be willing to give the venture a send off.

Yours very truly,

Barton

Barton Childs, M.D.
Professor Emeritus

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cc: Dr. Charles R. Scriver

9/1/87
Just back from
Palo Alto.

J

Bart - I'd be
more than delighted!
Yes, I'd like to see "The whole works".
Please let me know about deadlines,
your thoughts about length,
etc. Thank you,
John